

On page 5, starting at line 15, please replace the paragraph as follows:

B2 A database system may include server computers, smart terminals, other terminals and network nodes. A network node may be e.g. a base station controller, access router, optical network router, radio network controller (RNC) controlling a base station controller (BSC), etc. These parts of the distributed database system may have a wireless or wireline connection to the other parts of the system. If a network-based server is used, the application can, in some embodiments, be located and invoked by using the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of the server. The schema/application configuration management node may also be a server, a client terminal or other node mentioned above, with a wireless or wireline connection to the other servers and terminals, which include parts of the distributed database. The database may be Oracle, Solid, Times Ten, Polyhedra, Clustra or any other database.

On page 6, starting at line 25, please replace the paragraph as follows:

B3 The method according to the invention for managing schemas and/or application configuration in at least one database system comprising at least one application master database and at least one application replica database, wherein at least one of said databases comprises a schema of the data stored in the database, is characterized in that the at least one schema and/or application configuration is managed externally of said at least one application master database and at least one application replica database.